

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A multi-function peripheral, comprising:

a base housing;

a scanner bed slidably positioned on said base housing; and,

a biasing mechanism interposed between said base housing and said scanner bed for biasing said scanner bed to one of an open position or a closed position;

said scanner bed being slidable between a first position and a second position, said second position revealing a cartridge changing station within said base housing.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Original) The multi-function peripheral of claim 1 further comprising rails depending from said scanner bed.
4. (Original) The multi-function peripheral of claim 3 further comprising tracks extending through said base and slidably engaging said rails.
5. (Original) The multi-function peripheral of claim 1 further comprising said base housing having a cover with at least one rail extending from said cover.
6. (Original) The multi-function peripheral of claim 5 further comprising at least one track positioned in a lower surface of said scanner bed and slidably receiving said at least one rail.
7. (Original) The multi-function peripheral of claim 1 further comprising said slidable scanner bed being moveable between a first closed position and a second open position.
8. (Original) The multi-function peripheral of claim 7 further comprising said open position revealing a cartridge changing station in said base housing.

9. (Original) The multi-function peripheral of claim 1 further comprising said scanner bed being horizontally slidable along said base housing.

10. (Original) The multi-function peripheral of claim 1 further comprising a scanner lid hingedly attached to said scanner bed.

11. (Currently Amended) A slidable scanner bed for an image recording apparatus, comprising:

a base housing;

a sliding mechanism connecting said base housing to a slidable scanner bed; and

an interface device interposed between said base housing and said scanner bed to ~~limit one of allow or prevent~~ travel of said scanner bed relative to said base housing[[.]]; and

a cartridge changing station disposed within said base housing and beneath said sliding mechanism;

said slidable scanner bed movable from a first position wherein said cartridge changing station is hidden by said slidable scanner bed to a second position wherein said cartridge changing station is accessible by a user upon actuation of said interface device.

12. (Original) The slidable scanner bed of claim 11 further comprising said sliding mechanism having at least one rail depending from said scanner bed.

13. (Currently Amended) The slidable scanner bed of claim 12 wherein said sliding mechanism further comprises at least one track disposed within said base housing slidably receiving said at least one rail.

14. (Currently Amended) The slidable scanner bed of claim 13 further comprising said at least one rail and said at least one track each having at least one complimentary

interfacing angled surface inhibiting vertical disengagement of said slidable scanner bed from said base housing.

15. (Original) The slidable scanner bed of claim 11 further comprising at least one rail extending from said base housing and at least one track located within a lower surface of said scanner bed.

16. (Original) The slidable scanner bed of claim 11 wherein said sliding mechanism further comprises at least one guide shaft extending within said base housing.

17. (Original) The slidable scanner bed of claim 16 further comprising said scanner bed having at least one bearing surface receiving said guide shaft.

18. (Original) The slidable scanner bed of claim 11 wherein said interface device further comprises a button extending through said scanner bed.

19. (Original) The slidable scanner bed of claim 18 further comprising said button having a first tapered engagement surface at an end of said button adjacent said base housing.

20. (Original) The slidable scanner bed of claim 19 further comprising said button having a second tapered engagement surface.

21. (Original) The slidable scanner bed of claim 20 further comprising a snap hook formed in said base housing cover for engaging said button at one of said engagement surfaces.

22. (Original) The slidable scanner bed of claim 11 further comprising a cover extending across an upper opening in said base housing.

23. (Original) The slidable scanner bed of claim 22 further comprising said cover having a window therein.

24. (Original) The slidable scanner bed of claim 11 where said base housing further comprises a cover with said cover including at least one snap hook.

25. (Original) The slidable scanner bed of claim 24 further comprising a button extending through said scanner bed for engaging with said snap hook.
26. (Original) The slidable scanner bed of claim 11 further comprising said scanner bed having a biasing mechanism interposed between said scanner bed and said base housing.
27. (Original) The slidable scanner bed of claim 26 further comprising said base housing have a pocket therein and said biasing mechanism being a spring disposed within said pocket.
28. (Currently Amended) A slidable scanner bed for a multi-function peripheral, comprising:
- a base housing;
 - a scanner bed slidably connected to said base housing having a pivoting scanner lid;
 - an interface device releasing said scanner bed from a locked position; ~~and,~~
 - a printing component positioned internally of said base housing[.]; and,
 - a biasing mechanism disposed between said base housing and scanner bed for biasing said scanner bed from one of a first position and a second position to the other of said first position and said second position upon actuation of said interface device.
29. (Original) The slidable scanner bed of claim 28 further comprising at least one rail depending from said scanner bed slidably engaging at least one track molded in said base housing.
30. (Original) The slidable scanner bed of claim 29 further comprising said at least one rail being first and second rails and said at least one track being corresponding first and second tracks.

31. (Original) The slidable scanner bed of claim 29 further comprising said first and second rails depending from said scanner bed.
32. (Original) The slidable scanner bed of claim 28 further comprising at least one rail extending from said base housing and slidably engaging at least one track formed in a lower surface of said scanner bed.
33. (Original) The slidable scanner bed of claim 28 further comprising a housing cover on said base housing having a window revealing a cartridge changing station of said printer component.
34. (Original) The slidable scanner bed of claim 33 further comprising said housing cover having a slide lock comprising a tab and a tapered catch, said slide lock retaining said scanner bed in a closed position.
35. (Canceled)
36. (Currently Amended) The slidable scanner bed of claim ~~35~~ 28 further comprising said base housing having a pocket therein and said biasing device comprising a biasing spring positioned in said pocket.
37. (Original) The slidable scanner bed of claim 36 further comprising said scanner bed having a clip depending therefrom for engaging said biasing spring.
38. (Original) The slidable scanner bed of claim 28 further comprising said base housing having posts therein and guide shafts positioned between said posts.
39. (Original) The slidable scanner bed of claim 38 further comprising bearing members depending from said scanner bed and slidably engaging said guide shafts.
40. (Currently Amended) The slidable scanner bed of claim 28 further comprising a sliding mechanism defined by vertical walls extending from an upper portion of said base housing along a front edge and a rear edge.

41. (Currently Amended) The slidable scanner bed of claim 40 further comprising said front edge and said ~~second~~ rear edge being substantially parallel.

42. (Original) The slidable scanner bed of claim 28 further comprising said interface device comprising a spring loaded button.

43. (Currently Amended) The slidable scanner bed of claim 28 wherein said interface device further comprises a push-button actuated electric solenoid releases a biasing force to move said scanner bed upon actuation of said electric solenoid.

44. (Currently Amended) The slidable scanner bed of claim 28 wherein said interface device further comprises a push-button actuated electromagnetic latch releases a biasing force to move said scanner bed upon actuation of said electromagnetic latch.

45. (Original) The slidable scanner bed of claim 28 wherein said interface device further comprises a motorized opening mechanism and an electrical push-button, said electrical push-button actuating said motorized opening mechanism.

46. (Currently Amended) The slidable scanner bed of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 28, said scanner bed being actuated by a motor.

47. (Currently Amended) The slidable scanner bed of claim~~[[1]]~~ 28 further comprising an actuatable electromagnet for moving said scanner bed from a first position to a second position.

48. (Currently Amended) The slidable scanner bed of claim ~~28~~ 11 further comprising said scanner bed being manually slidably operated between open and closed positions.